



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CUSTODIAL STAFFING BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2005, and every six months thereafter, the Commissioner of Correction
3 shall submit, to the Governor and to the joint standing committees of
4 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
5 judiciary and labor and public employees, a report containing, for the
6 applicable reporting period, the number of: (1) Inmate disciplinary
7 reports filed during such period; (2) inmate assaults on custodial staff
8 reported during such period; (3) inmate assaults on other inmates
9 reported during such period; and (4) workers' compensation claims
10 filed by custodial staff during such period.

11 (b) If, during any reporting period, the number of disciplinary
12 reports, assaults or workers' compensation claims reported in
13 accordance with subsection (a) of this section has increased by more
14 than twenty per cent from the number of such disciplinary reports,
15 assaults or workers' compensation claims reported for the preceding
16 reporting period or for the same reporting period of the preceding
17 year, the commissioner shall include in the report submitted in
18 accordance with subsection (a) of this section an explanation for such
19 increase and a general description of the measures to be taken by the

20 Department of Correction to address such increase.

21 (c) Each report under this section shall be submitted in accordance
 22 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The joint
 23 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 24 matters relating to the judiciary and labor and public employees may
 25 hold a public hearing on any such report.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Correction shall
 27 conduct a study of the relationship between workers' compensation
 28 claims filed by custodial staff and the use of voluntary and mandatory
 29 overtime by the department. Such study shall include, but not be
 30 limited to, a determination of: (1) Whether the specific incident giving
 31 rise to each claim occurred (A) while the claimant was working
 32 overtime, or (B) within seventy-two hours after the claimant was
 33 working overtime; and (2) whether the relevant overtime worked by
 34 the claimant was voluntary or mandatory. The Commissioner of
 35 Correction shall submit a report containing the findings of such study
 36 to the Governor and the General Assembly not later than January 1,
 37 2005, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 38 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

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